

Thursday July 6, 2017
Workshop Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Miletta, Sheppard, Bowman.

Clerk presented committee with copies of 2016 annual audit. Comments and recommendations reviewed, there were none. Further action on resolution and affidavit pertaining to audit will be taken at the regular monthly meeting.

Quotes for ¾" gray stone for Public Works Garage project reviewed:
Sorantino Express 23.75 per ton delivered
South State/Apex Management & Consulting 28.00 per ton delivered
Garrison Trucking, no quote received
Motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote that stone, (approximately 200 ton) be purchased from Sorantino Express.

Quotes received for installation of electric service for public works garage project reviewed:
Systems Electric 15,900.00 Steven Walsh Electrical Contractors 32,812.00
Motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote that job be awarded to Systems Electric. Clerk advised that funds were available, the current balance remaining for this project \$30,958.35. In regard to this project also discussed was the need to prepare amendment to original ordinance, to appropriate additional funds to complete the building. Quotes are being solicited for installation of concrete floor and overhead doors. Mr. Sheppard suggested that Reconstruction of New Road be delayed for a year as the cost for engineering that would be appropriated from the capital improvement fund, could be used for the Public Works Building. Both Mr. Miletta and Mr. Bowman disagreed. It was their opinion that delaying the New Road Project might jeopardize future NJDOT grant applications. It was decided that the original ordinance would be amended to appropriate additional 25,000 (to be prepared by Bond Counsel) and the Clerk would prepare Ordinance to appropriate 30,000 for engineering, New Road Project, all appropriated from the capital improvement fund. Further consideration will be given as soon as ordinances are prepared.

Revised draft of Rental Housing ordinance reviewed. Committee will continue to review for additional changes.

Draft ordinance for registration and maintenance of vacant residential properties reviewed and changes made on fees. Further consideration will be given at the regular meeting.

Correspondence received from Bruce Sidwa, resident of 114 East Ave. reviewed. Mr. Sidwa is requesting that the Township vacate the portion of East Ave. that runs along the front of his properties, block 193 lots 2 and 2.02. Solicitor Seeley advised that the property owner(s) on the opposite side of the street would have to be willing to accept half of the roadway. A review of the tax map indicates that properties located beyond Mr. Sidwa would have access onto East Ave. via Co-Op Dr., but Committee agreed that access would be limited. Committee expressed no interest, no action taken.

Notice that the CCIA might possibly purchase a storm water vacuum that could be used (shared services agreement) by municipalities reviewed. Committee expressed no interest as existing storm drains are on County roads only.

Charles Hughes was appointed to the position of Fire Inspector, unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2019, annual salary 2,583.00, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Regular meeting closed for executive session at 9:25 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote, to discuss matters of personnel.

Executive session closed and the regular meeting reopened motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote at 9:40.

Clerk instructed to contact EMS Chief Kevin Scarlato and Parade and Events committee member Linda Miletta to see if a meeting could be set with Committeemen Sheppard to discuss disturbance that occurred during line up for Memorial Day Parade. If parties do not agree to meeting, discussion will take place at the regular meeting of August 14th.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday July 10, 2017
Regular Meeting

Regular monthly meeting called to order as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Following the flag salute, roll call indicated the following members present: Sheppard, Bowman, Miletta.

Minutes of the June 8th and 12th meetings approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard unanimous vote. Reports for the month of June accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-50, Certification that the governing body has reviewed at a minimum, the "Comments and Recommendations" section of 2016 annual audit approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2017-42, Amending the 2017 Salary Ordinance approved on first reading motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2017-403, An Ordinance Regulating Abandoned Vacant Residential Properties approved on first reading, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2017-404, Appropriating 230,000 From The Capital improvement Fund and a Grant from the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2017 Municipal Aid Program for the Reconstruction of New Road approved on first reading, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Public hearings will be held on the above (3) ordinance at the regular meeting of August 14th.

Payment of additional approved vouchers authorized, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Floor opened to the public. Receiving no public comments, closed. With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson

Thursday July 20, 2017
Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 5:10 pm as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard. The purpose of the meeting was to approve Ordinance No. 2017-405 on first reading, and any other business as deemed necessary.

Flag salute held.

Ordinance No. 2017-405, Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2017-396 of the Township of Lawrence, County of Cumberland, NJ, Finally Adopted February 27, 2017, in order To Increase The Appropriation to \$131,000.00, To Provide For Additional Construction Work of The Township's Public Works Facility was approved on first reading, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Public hearing and further consideration for final adoption will take place at the regular meeting on August 14, 2017.

Meeting closed for executive session at 5:15 pm to discuss matters of personnel motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, with possible action to follow.

Executive Session

Executive session closed and the regular meeting reopened at 5:45 motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman. Deputy Mayor Bowman authorized to meet with Judge Michael Fisher to discuss dispute that occurred at Memorial Day Parade between participant and Parade Committee members, to discuss Judge Fisher being hired to act as a mediator, and determine how to best handle the situation. With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman,

Ruth Dawson, Clerk